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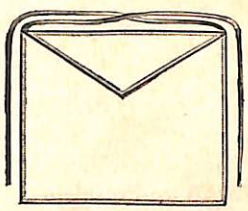

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FRANK O. EVANS.
IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVE, 1899,
DES MOINES, IOWA.

We have the pleasure of presenting the handsome features of Noble F. O. Evans, one of El-Kahir's "*two pairs*" representatives to the coming Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine. He is the head hustler of the biggest class initiated in the United States, this year, (Des Moines, Feb. 15, 1899), and is keeping right on in the same style now. He is one of the active workers in the A. A. S. R., and in the local masonic bodies. Frank is holding up his end of the rope on our Io-So-Dak train, and will be noticed as *not being lonesome* at Buffalo. He and the howling Dervish Charley Austin have done their share to "get us off to Buffalo." Frank is a good boy and the Prophet has promised him a beautiful houri as a reward for his zeal in making converts to the faith.

NEXT MONTH.

We expect to give a cut of the "little Bill" Shriner of the Order next month, and it will be well to order extra copies in advance, as we never reprint. Come early and avoid the rush.

Among the Lodges.

THE GRAND LODGE

Meets at Mason City, June 6. Let the District Schools continue. This will be an important Grand Communication.

The Grand Lodge dues of all soldiers in service during the past year were remitted, on condition of a like remission by the Subordinate Lodge. It should be continued! We still have the brothers in the service of their country.

Lodges losing their halls by fires, without insurance, should be warned in time, that the Grand Lodge seldom aids the careless.

Plans and specifications for an addition to the library building will be presented as per resolution of last year.

Those who favored the introduction of a cypher ritual into Iowa, will have to wait some time. It is not likely to be favored and is not popular among *working* craftsmen.

THE LODGES.

"The Cedar Rapids brothers gave a reception to Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, whose band gave an entertainment in this city May 22." But where was it given is what we can't find out.

Crescent Lodge, Cedar Rapids, is kept busy in the quarries, and Mt. Herman is not idle.

The Marion Lodges are doing well.

The socials given under the auspices of Trojan Lodge, 548, Marion, have been most successful. Our efficient W. M. (and Major), Bro. P. M. Plumb, may well feel proud of his lodge.

The brothers of Mason City are making elaborate arrangements to entertain the Grand Lodge June 6-8. Here is a partial program:

6th—9:30 A. M.—Welcome to Grand Lodge.

7:00 P. M.—Trolley excursion to Clear Lake. Entertainment by Verity Lodge, 250.

8.00 P. M.—Work in I. O. O. F. hall by Unity Chapter 58, O. E. S

7th—Evening reception by Lodge 145. Social and dance at the armory. Mason City Masons know how to entertain.

May 27th was set as the day when the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall at Kalona was to be laid, but when the day came the flood drowned the exercises out, so it was postponed.

The Royal Arch.

At the next Grand Convocation of Iowa, at Red Oak, a resolution to require a man to be six months a Master Mason before he is eligible for the Chapter Degrees, will come up under the rules, having been referred last year.

The Chapters must now pay Grand Chapter dues on all companions on the rolls *"at the begginning of the fiscal year."*

Once again, we pass copy forward with no word from the Chapters—much as we would like to have it.

In the Commanderies

DON'T THROW DIRT.

If the Chicago Templars want to use Jerusalem dirt at the funerals of their members what occasion is there for criticism? Its their dirt, and their funeral, so we see no sense in flinging at them for this. When we commence to rid ourselves of some other funeric abuses far worse, then it may be time to paw up the earth because Chicago dust is not fine enough and a little Jerusalem dirt is added at the burial of a brother.

Festal week begins July 11, at Templar Park. Be there.

The surroundings at our Templar summer home are far more beautiful than ever since the repairs.

Every Commandery should be represented—their interest and the cause demands it. See ye to it.

We have had some inquiry as to "what is up" over the little item in last month's issue reading as follows.

"Past Commanders should plan to attend the Grand Commandery this year above all others. Go and see why."

Bless you, my children, there is a lot of the finest improvements you ever saw, and we want the red-straps to turn out to dress parade—and some other matters of interest too.

Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, observed Ascension Day. E. Sir Charles A. Bishop delivered the address.

A splendid Red Cross banquet followed the institutution with five companions, at Cedar Falls, May 25. Over sixty Sir Knights and ladies went up from Waterloo, and all report a splendid time.

The Eastern Star.

JUST SO.

The question of the eligibility to membership in the O. E. S. of the daughter or sister of a Mason married to a profane is creating some agitation. From the various proceedings of many states it would appear that these fortunate (or unfortunate) females seem to camp on the trail of each succeeding Grand Matron. Why, of course, they are eligible, for the ritual plainly says so, and does not specify whom they shall marry either. Texas, long ago very sensibly fell into line with this law, for it *is* a law, and no mistake. Of a surety, we are still the daughter of our father and the sister of our brother, though we have been married twenty years.—*Texas Freemason.*

DO SOMETHING.

We have been begging for items of news from the Chapters for years, and would get impatient were it any use, and we have noticed that it cannot be personal to us, for we see no greater attention to this matter in Sister Rausford's well edited *Eastern Star*. Now, sisters, please wake up—send all you want to to Sister Nettie, but don't neglect both of us. Do something.

The entertainment given to Cedar Chapter 184, by Marion Chapter 183, was as usual, a delightful affair. Sister Mrs. G. R. Fullerton is the W. M.

Sister Nettie Hilliard, Deputy Grand Matron, is making friends and winning approval in her work over the district. She is now Grand Conductress.

There has been a healthy growth among the Chapters all over the state.

Wherever there is a Chapter recognized by the Blue Lodge, it is a true auxiliary in all that goes to encourage and build up.

We doubt if too great elaboration in the matter of O. E. S. side degrees or ceremonies will aid much. The points of the star are unsurpassed for beauty.

The Scottish Rite.

At Clinton, May 23-26, was held the thirtieth annual reunion of the bodies coordinate with De Molay Consistory No. 1. We acknowledge the receipt of their handsome ballustre. Since their last announcement, the following brothers have passed to their final rest: Peter Barr, J. W. Dearborn, Samuel C. Dunn, Thos. A. Hardin, Geo. W. Lovejoy, Jas. W. McAuley, Henry F. Robbins, Theo. Schreiner, Phineas S. Towle and Pitkin C. Wright.

The 49th annual Conclave of Gourgas Chapter, Rose Croix, was held May 18, at Chicago, Ill.

A neat directory of the bodies of the Rite in the valley of Buffalo, N. Y., of which our friend, Charley W. Cushman 33° is commander-in-chief, and Charles E. Markham 32° is G. Sec., has reached us. Thanks.

REALITY

Should be a grand and beautiful feature in Masonic practice, esoteric and exoteric, in the Lodge and also in the external world. The lectures, charges, morality and precepts, are words losing half their value if wanting in that reality which is estimated by a practical Masonic life. If the teachings of Masonry amount to anything, they should result in practical, sympathetic helpfulness between the members of the Fraternity. "Trading on Masonry" is made the excuse of many who desire to shift the burden of the obligations they have undertaken to their brethren, and refuse to patronize or reciprocate with Masons in business from a morbid fear of having their motives impugned. The significance of some of the lessons inculcated to the sublime degree is entirely misunderstood or ignored by them.—*Masonic Sun.*

CLAY GROUNDS.

Morris, in his "Freemasonry in the Holy Land." gives the following anecdote in reference to this locality: "A singular fact came to light under the investigation of my assistant at Jerusalem. He discovered that the jewelers of that city, at the present day, use a peculiar species of brown arenaceous clay in making moulds for casting small pieces in brass, etc. Inquiring whence this clay comes, they reply, 'From Seikoot, about two days journey northeast of Jerusalem.' Here then is a satisfactory reply to the question: Where was the 'clay-ground' of Hiram's foundries? It is the best matrix clay existing within reach of Hiram Abif, and it is found only in 'the clay-ground between Succoth and Zeredatha;' and considerable as was the distance, and extremely inconvenient as was the locality, so important did the master workman deem it, to secure a sharp and perfect mould for his castings, that, as the Biblical record informs us, he established his furnaces there."—*Masonic Standard.*

Lord Kitchenor, who is much quoted just now, is not only a Mason, but an active one. He has founded two prosperous lodges in Egypt, one at Berber and one at Suakim, of both of which he was the first Worshipful Master.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

CROM BOWEN.....Des Moines.....GRAND MASTER
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CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

Iowa, Grand, Red Oak, October 19th, 1899.
W. F. CLEVELAND...Harlan....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
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CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
G. W. BEVER.....Cedar Rapids..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1900, Cincinnati.
Iowa, Oct. 1899, Davenport.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Buffalo, N. Y., June 14, 1899.
ETHELBERT F. ALLEN..Kansas City..IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
E. I. ALDERMAN.....Marion.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

TO OUR EXCHANGES,

Will those of our exchanges heretofore sent to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, please change the address to Marion, Iowa, and oblige US? Several miles of street car riding will be saved and the exchanges reach us more promptly. Either change or cancel. See? tf

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Illustrious Potentate E. I. Alderman, of El Kahir Temple, spent the month of April visiting his parents in California. Ed. reports having had a good time.

TO THE NOBLES.

Bring along your claws and fez,
Biled shirt and patent leather shoes,
And don't forget to bring two plunks
To square yourself for last year's dues.

CHORUS—Two plunks, two plunks, two plunks
To square yourself for last year's dues.—*Korein.*

TO THE NOVICES.

Never mind your spike-tailed coats,
Diamond pins and stand-up collars,
Just bring your checques and let them read,
"Pay the bearer $40."

CHORUS—$40, $40, $40,
Pay the bearer $40.—*Korein.*

Let the stickler be the other fellow—not you.

The *Voice of Masonry* has temporarily suspended publication.

"Mind not high things, condescend to men of low estate;" it is not popular, but it pays.

Once more we will hear the echo of the outside party over the conduct of the "Shriners."

The *Grau Dieta* of Mexico has been reported as "almost flickered out." Well, "let 'er flicker."

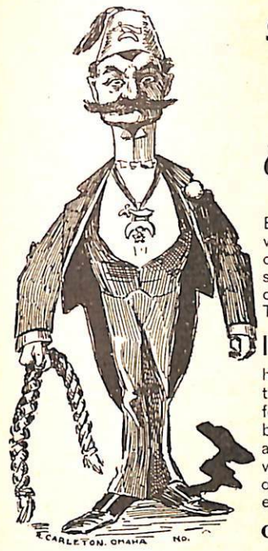
The summer months—if we have any summer—will be the right time to plan for next fall and to be fresh for full work. Keep right on through the summer.

Six masonic periodicals gone, within the year, each for want of support; yet we get word of now ones coming on. "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest." Such is life.

WELL SPOKEN.

The *Kansas Freemason* says: "No lodge should expend its means in balls or other entertainments while a single needy brother remains within its province or reach. This is at least unshakable Masonic gospel, and if we should go further, and say that a lodge should not spend money to minister to the simple pleasure of its members while a single individual within its touch, regardless of affiliation, is suffering for the necessaries of life, who dare attempt refutation of this position? Was there ever a time in the history of the world when its people were so given up to 'eating and drinking.' From the infant class in the Sunday school to the free-lunch counter in a drinking hell, it is banquets and speeches. Truly the words of Emanuel have force today: 'As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of Man cometh, there shall be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage.'"

The Mystic Shrine.



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First Month, 30th Day, A. R. 1317.....
.....Answering to

June 10th, 1899,

FROM
8:30 TO 12:00 P. M.

El-Kahir Temple N. M. S., will conduct such poor sons of the Desert across the hot sands as are in attendance on the above date at their Temple, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Imperial Dispensation....

has been granted to attend to and receive any who are found worthy by our secret ballot. ....Get there....As we are to leave at midnight there will be no spread. Those who desire can get their sleepers early in the evening.

ORDER OF ISIS....

The officers of FATIMA CRESCENT, Waterloo, will confer the work in full form, beginning at Nine o'clock, and will have all the time necessary to do justice to all who apply. The fee for candidates (ladies) is for this occasion only, $2.50 which includes a fez and jewel. Those going to Buffalo want to get in for this VIGIL or we may have to arrange it on the road to the putting off place.

All who are interested in either of the classes above mentioned should write to the Recorder at once so as to make sure of all the desires they may have to express.

THIS IS MY ORDER,
EDWIN I. ALDERMAN,
WHO SAID IT WASN'T, POTENTATE.
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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, AND SIOUX FALLS, S. D.

Come along and get you ready, you Nobles of the Shrine,
Don't forget to take your lady, for the trip will be so fine
That you never will forget it, however you may try,
So that "Put me off at Buffalo" will have to be the cry.
When you hear that El-Kahir does begin,
And all El-Riad's people have come in,
Then pound the gong, string up your voice and sing
There'll be a hot time in the old town that night, my Nobles.

VIEW FROM LAFAYETTE PARK.

Itinerary....

CEDAR RAPIDS TO BUFFALO.

Time and Route.

The El-Kahir, El-Riad Shrine Train will leave via the B., C. R. & N. Railway from the Union Station, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after midnight, June 10th, 1899. The Des Moines sleepers will be attached at West Liberty and possibly Kaaba Temple will join us, as per invitation at Davenport. It is the intention to accommodate with ample sleeper arrangements all who apply in time at the following points: Sioux Falls, S. D., Iowa Falls, Iowa, Waterloo, Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and such other points as the occasion may require. Write the Recorder, Marion Iowa.

The meeting at Cedar Rapids is for the accommodation of those who wish to be created Nobles or Daughters of our allied orders prior to leaving, hence they should correspond with the Recorder at once so as to make sure of arrangements.

Sunday morning, June 11th, arrive in Chicago, where we will stop for breakfast. At about three in the afternoon our train will pull out of the Wabash Depot, Polk and Dearborn Sts., for a leisurely trip across Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. DINNER ON OUR OWN DINING CAR ENROUTE.

Monday morning, June 12th, arrive at Niagara Falls, where a halt of several hours will be made—for sight seeing—leaving about 2:00 P. M. for Buffalo, where we will arrive in time to get nicely fixed in our hotels by daylight.

...Our Escort...

It is especially promised and stipulated in the contract that we shall have the personal attention of two of the most gallant and accomplished representatives of the railroads traversed, hence we give here a snap shot of them for the benefit of our Pilgrims. They are E. OLIN SOULE, General Agent of the Passenger Department of the B., C. R. & N. R'y, and JACOB HALDERMAN, Traveling Passenger Agt. of the Wabash Railway. Both of these Nobles will attend throughout and have promised that none shall lack for attention. Timid gentlemen may well bear this in mind and freely book for the trip.

ELLICOTT SQUARE.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

ROCK OF AGES.

IT is confidently expressed by those who seem to know, that this will be one of the most enjoyable trips the Nobility of the Mystic Shrine have ever taken. That all may know just what we are expecting after our arrival at Buffalo, we here append the full program from Monday, June 12th to Friday, June 16th.

Monday, June 12th.

4:00 P. M.—Arrive in Buffalo. Arrange for occupation of quarters as per previous arrangements made either with the Recorder, JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Marion, Iowa, or E. S. KNOWLES, Sioux Falls, S. D. —"Go as you please."

Tuesday, June 13th.

Rest and recreation, sight seeing and visiting. "Go where you please." Likely, at 8:00 P. M. informal Reception at rooms, 73 and 75 Iroquois Hotel, to all Iowa and South Dokota Nobles—No Noble or lady who is not of the above class need stay away.

Official Programme....

BEGINS

Wednesday, June 14th.

9:00 A. M.—Escort for the Imperial Council from Iroquois Hotel to place of meeting will be formed by Uniformed Arab Patrols only, under the direction of Illustrious Frank T. Gilbert, Grand Marshal and Staff.

10:00 A. M.—Imperial Council convenes.

10:00 A. M.—Masonic Temple and Acacia Club open for visitors daily until midnight.

10:30 A. M.—Carriage Ride for Visiting Ladies, starting from Masonic Temple.

2:00 P. M.—Buffalo Yacht Club open for visitors.

2:30 P. M.—Bicycle ride for visitors under the guidance of Ismailia Temple's Arab Patrol, starting from Niagara Square, ending at Yacht Club, Front, Park Lake, Zoo or Ball Game.

3:30 P. M.—Yacht Race from Buffalo Yacht Club.

3:30 P. M.—Ball Game at Olympic Park, Buffalo vs. Indianapolis.

8:00 P. M.—Grand Parade.

10:00 P. M.—Reception at Headquarters of Visiting Temples. Music at Hotels.

Thursday, June 15th.

10:00 A. M.—Imperial Council Convenes.

9:30 A. M., 10:00 A. M., 10:30 A. M.—Lake and River Ride. Steamers will leave from foot of Main Street.

2:00 P. M.—Buffalo Yacht Club open for visitors.

2:30 P. M., 3:00 P. M.—Lake and River Ride. Steamers will leave from foot of Main street.

3:00 P. M.—Competitive Drill of Arab Patrols at Buffalo Athlelic Field, Main-street cars.

3:30 P. M.—Ball Game at Olympic Park. Buffalo vs. Indianapolis.

8:00 P. M.—Entertainment at Theatres.

10:00 P. M.—Reception and Ball by Buffalo Shriners in honor of Guests.

Friday, June 16th.

9:00 A. M.—Trip to Niagara Falls.

3:30 P. M.—Ball Game at Olympic Park. Buffalo vs. Indianapolis.

At Tareek.

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THE FINAL DIRECTION.

THE FARE from Cedar Rapids (one fare for the round trip, plus $2.00) to Buffalo, is $20.75; Sleeper, $4.50 for each double berth each way, extra. Local agents can tell the route to Cedar Rapids. Day coaches for sleepless and snorers, free.

OUR time for going is as follows: Everybody should start SATURDAY, JUNE 10th, so as to arrive in Cedar Rapids in time for the Shrine-Isis Special, which lasts until midnight. When we are ready, our train will start. Get the Des Moines party at West Liberty, then away so as to breakfast in Chicago. At 3:00 P. M. all aboard at Wabash depot, Polk and Dearborn streets, from whence we leave for a leisurely trip across Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Sunday dinner on our own Diner. Arrive at Niagara Falls Monday morning, June 12 (we may spend half a day here), and into Buffalo that afternoon.

JEWELS AND BUTTONS FOR EXCHANGE.—El Kahir has a jewel for each of her party free, but for exchange purposes the following rate is made, so you can load for Buffalo (ours are beauties—not tin). For either Shrine or Isis Jewels, 20 cents each, or $2.00 per dozen. The Hawk-eye-button, 15 cents, or $1.50 per dozen—solid shank. A better button, screw shank, standard, at the same price as the jewels. This button has been sold at $1.00 each. Above prices are for advance orders only.

FEZES will be on sale at the Temple, Cedar Rapids, and are on hand at the Recorder's office, but will not be carried on the train. Better order by mail, giving size of hat worn. Odd sizes come direct from factory.

HEADQUARTERS AND HOTEL—As follows: Reception rooms at Buffalo, 73 and 75 Iroquois Hotel. A contract has been made for places for forty persons at the Genesee Hotel, five minutes walk (less if you run) from the general headquarters, at $3.00 and $3.50 per day, (doubling up,) and when these reservations are gone we'll have to correspond. A few places are yet open for those who answer at once. Places in private houses, in correspondence. Go as you please travelers can pester E. C. Knight, Chm., Hotel Committee, Buffalo, N. Y.

LIMIT OF TICKETS FOR THE TRIP—The privilege of staying beyond June 17th is conditioned upon depositing your return ticket with the agent of the Wabash at Buffalo, and you have until July 2nd to resume your trip from there. Don't forget that with the Potentate and Recorder (our wives are going) will be Noble E. Olin Soule, General Agent of the Passenger Department of "The Cedar Rapids Route," Noble Jacob Halderman, traveling Passenger Agent of the "Wabash," as well as a trusted Noble in charge of each car, so that the most timid man need not fear to go.

NOW—If you want to be in with the IO-SO-DAK solid train look up all, I say, and act. Remember the fate of the fellow who waits until the "last hour" and is "hindmost."

Yours in the Faith,

E. S. KOWLES, Recorder El-Riad, Sioux Falls, S. D.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder El-Kahir, Marion, Iowa.

MAY MEETINGS.

We often wish that Recorders of temples would drop us a card as soon as dates are settled, but as they won't these notices must be dates of past events,

3d. Lu Lu, Philadelphia, Pa.

5th. Aleppo, Boston, Mass.

8th. El Jebel, Denver, Col.

10th. Moila, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mt. Sinai, Montpelier, Vt.

11th. Zamora, Mobile, Ala.; Morocco, Jacksonville, Fla.; Beni-Kedem, Huntington, W. Va.

12th. Hamasa, Meridian, Miss.

13th. Syrian, Cincinnati, O.

16th. Oriental, Troy, N. Y.

17th. Kosair, Louisville, Ky.; Mohammed, Peoria, Ill.

18th. Mohammed outing at Jacksonville, Ill; Afifi, Tacoma, Wash.

19th. Saladin, Grand Rapids, Mich., during a week of masonic grand meetings.

24th. Rajah, Reading, Pa. The following Nobles have died: R. H. Jones, E. P. Stofer and H. M. Keim.

25th. Al Koran, Cleveland, O.; Kora, Lewiston, Me.; Sesostrio, Hastings, Neb.

26th. Medinah, Chicago; Moslem, Detroit.

29th. Kismet, Brooklyn, N. Y.

30th. Acca, Richmond, Va., 13th anniversary.

ALL EYES ON BUFFALO.

Within a few days of the receipt of this number the flight of the caravans will have commenced. By wind, steam, electricity and water propulsion the happiest, noblest lot of people in the world will go to Buffalo. Elsewhere we give the full itinery of the Iowa train and the Imperial Council. Those who are late must hurry up. All eyes are on Buffalo and beyond.

Al Koran, Cleveland, charges $5.00 dues with penalty after six months, and suspension at the end of a year. This Temple also has a "widow's fund" paying about $350.00 on the death of a contributing Noble.

Most of the Temples now have their "official" button, and they are all beauties. El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, has a Hawkeye button.

Don't forget that we have an El Kahir Shrine and Isis meeting June 10, at home.

Order of Isis.

The Priestess of Fatima Crescent No. 1, Waterloo, Mrs. Eleanor Childs, gave a noon-hour luncheon to the local officers and a few of the court members. We were sorry that the sickness of the wife, and business elsewhere, prevented the editor's presence. This Crescent is making full preparations to do the work *in full* on the 10th.

Arcana No. 2, Harlan, is treasuring up all their energies until the officers know the Ritual, when the work will be done in style.

There are rumors of other petitions for institution in the near future.

CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE.

A profound thinker discriminates between charity and benevolence in these words:

"I think that too many of us mistake the Scriptural charity for benevolence. That charity, spoken of as one of the most exalted of all attributes, is not the sort of charity that simply prompts us to exercise our merely humanitarian duties toward one another. It is a broader and nobler sort, inasmuch that it comprehends that charity and love which covereth a multitude of sins, and which is long suffering and forgiving toward an erring brother."—*Square and Compass.*

THE SERIOUSNESS OF FREEMASONRY.

To witness the passing to the Chair by dispensation in some Lodges, or the passage of the living arch in some Chapters, would give the impression that those engaged in the ceremonies were bent on extracting the most in the shortest space of time.

Remonstrance or condemnation is met by quoting that trite old rhyme:

"A little nonsense, now and then,
Is relished by the best of men"

Bear in mind, however, that it is only a "little" nonsense, and that only "now and then."

Whoever wrote the couplet recognized two things: that the best men are not frivolous; and that occasional nonsense is relished by them. Pure nonsense is usually harmless and may be mirth-provoking. Carroll's book of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," and Gilbert's delightful nonsense rhymes are instances. But there is a wide gap between these and simple buffoonry.

That Freemasonry exists to-day, practically unchanged since its first introduction to man, in that remote past whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, is due to the fact that it is a serious, purposeful institutition.

From the moment the novice takes the step of an Entered Apprentice Mason, he becomes conscious of a deep undertone of solemnity, a mystic yet cognizable design that at once dispels all tendency toward frivolity. His very mode of preparation for the degree robs him of all extraneous dependency. He has neither offensive nor defensive resources. Upon his ear falls the cadence of Divine suppication, and he starts upon that quest from which death alone can release him.

But as nature has her moods and strongly marked contrasts, so human life is not all monotony. We look upon the face of nature and behold! her streams are frozen and still; snow lies thick and white on her fields, her trees stretch bare limbs to the wintry blasts; but a mysterious change takes place; the ice melts, the snow disappears; but before it has quite gone the crocus pushes up its yellow cup, the brown buds swell on bush and twig, and soon a tiny spear of green pierces through the light. The birds return from the South, and jocund spring laughs in all the glee of lusty growth.

And these recurring seasons! What do they they teach? The cycle of life. The merciful, masterful intent of the Creator. Naissance, birth, growth, maturity, decline and death. But death is not the end. It is but the beginning of a new cycle.

Entered, passed, raised, marked, received, exalted. The white stone and the new name are but sequences. Plant the seed and gather the harvest. But the seed may be of wheat or it may be of tares. Be careful what you plant. As we plant so shall we reap. As our lives are lived, so are our records made. We may live with a lofty purpose or we may follow the teachings of that Greek philosopher who assumed pleasure to be the highest good. Neither Epicurus nor Zeno, but rather Him who taught, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do to you," should be the model of our lives.

To walk uprightly, live consistently, help the poor, comfort the afflicted and forgive the erring, deeming it no trouble to go out of your way to serve your fellow creatures, much less your Brethren in Freemasonry, to remember them in your devotions, preserve their secrets and warn them of danger, are some of the duties devolving on Freemasons.—*Keystone.*

LAST DAYS OF WASHINGTON.

We take the following extracts from *McClure's Magazine* for February, on the "Last Days of George Washington, from the manuscript diary of his private secretary, Colonel Tobias Lear," which will be no doubt of interest to Freemasons:

December 16th, 1799, the day after the General died, Colonel Tobias Lear, who we understand was a Freemason, notes in his diary: "Having received information from Alexandria that the Militia, Freemasons, etc., were determined to show their respect to the General's memory by attending his body to the grave, I directed provision to be prepared for a large number of people, as some refreshment would be expected by them." Then, as to the burial of the distinguished General: "About three o'clock the procession began to move. The arrangements of the procession were made by Colonels Little, Simms and Dencale, and Dr. Dick. The pall-bearers were Colonels Little, Simms, Payne, Gilpin, Ramsey and Marsteter. Colonel Blackburn preceded the corpse. Colonel Dencale marched with the military. The procession moved out of the gate at the left wing of the house, and proceeded round in front of the lawn and down to the vault on the right wing of the house. The procession formed as follows:

"The troops, horse and foot; music playing a solemn dirge, the clergy, viz.: the Revs. Mr. Davis, Mr. Muir, Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Addison.

"The General's horse with his saddle, holster, pistol, etc., led by his two grooms, Cyrus and Wilson, in black.

"The body, borne by the Freemasons and officers.

"Lodge No. 23 (Masonic), Corporation of Alexandria, all other persons, preceded by Mr. Anderson and the Overseers.

"When the body arrived at the vault the

Rev. Mr. Davis read the service and pronounced a short extempore speech. The Masons performed their ceremonies, and the body was deposited in the vault.

The writer has frequently heard from those opposed to Freemasonry, that General Washington in his last days upon earth had frequently denounced Freemasonry as being a society of men unworthy of receiving the support of the intelligent men of the country, but the above authentic record of what took place at the burial of the deceased General, by his private secretary, shows clearly that such statements are absolutely false.—*Masonic Sun.*

ON KICKERS,

It is impossible to found and build up a lodge without finding among its members the kicker, the arrogant know-it-all, the patronizing egotist, the inflated charter member, the injudicious gossip, the leaker of lodge secrets, the exceedingly ready preferer of information, the black sheep who brings Masonry into reproach by overt downright scoundrelism, and the indifferent who curse it by apathy. All this must be borne, and for centuries has been endured, but despite such apparently overwhelming hindrances to advance, Masonry has gone steadily forward, climbing ever higher in general estimation and grasping to itself more and more fully the moral conscience, while monopolizing the intellectual strength of the world. No creed or cult can successfully withstand its silently eloquent appeals for recognition and place as a factor in mending the wholesale defects under which humanity staggers onward to an undefined and menacing destiny. Masonry is a conscience, a monitor, a guide, a philosophy, a salvation.—*Kansas Freemason.*

SCORE ONE FOR RAMBO.

"In Boston, in the year 1733, was established the first warranted lodge of Freemasons on this continent," says the *Kansas Freemason.* "Come down off the band wagon," Brother McCall, you are simply mistaken. Philadelphia is the mother city of Freemasonry in America, and the "City of Brotherly Love" has led the way in every Masonic movement on the Western Continent. Philadelphia had the first Master Masons' Lodge in America, in the year 1730; the first Provincial Grand Lodge in America, in 1732; the first Masonic Hall in America, in 1754; the first Royal Arch Chapter in America, in 1767, and the first Masonic periodical in America, the *Freemason's Magazine*, in 1811. — *Taggart's Times.*

Now, Andy, why not up and give us a concise and veritable history of the whole thing and set these western fellows at ease, eh?

Our Dead.

FUNERAL ESCORT.

W. Bro. Martin Evans of Crescent No. 25, this city, with Bros. C. B. Whelpley, G. M. Johnson, H. Ross and J. B. White, accompanied the remains of Bro. Frank McConahy to New Hampton, May 25, for burial.

Deitz, J. C., May 15, 1899, Cincinnati, O., burial at Iowa City, Iowa.

Hopkins, T. M., May 19, 1899, Dubuque. Funeral ceremonies by Mosaic Lodge 125, Dubuque.

Bowen, Wm. R., Grand Secretary, Nebraska, Omaha, Neb., May 6, 1899.

Wagner, Dr. J. K., Van Horne, Iowa, May 15, 1899.

McConahy, Frank, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 23, 1899.

Hayzlett, John G., Marion, Iowa, May 19, 1899.

Wells, W. B., Marion, Iowa, May 23, 1899. This brother has for a number of years been the recorder of Patmos Commandery No. 27, Marion.

Fraternities.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department. Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

A NEW ONE.

The newest Order of which we have knowledge, is the Ancient Phoenician Order of Noblemen of Tyre, whose Sovereign See is Muscatine, Iowa, and is limited to members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The first Court was instituted at Muscatine, and the Order is spreading rapidly. Will M. Narvis, G. M. W. of Iowa, is the Illustrious Monarch. On with the A. P. O. N. T. It is of the Mystic Shrine style in its work, and like that order, precludes anything except innocent fun in the open sections of the work.

The Prince of Wales is grand master of the Grand Marks' Lodge in England. And so is he of all other Masonic lodges.—*Masonic Herald.*

The net gain in Masonry in Canada and the United States for 1898 is estimated at 12,303.—*Masonic Herald.*

Portland, Maine, Masonic library now contains 1,356 bound volumes, valued at $3,772.

There are 4,384 Freemasons in Cincinnati.—*Masonic Herald.*

TOMB OF HIRAM OF TYRE.

The tomb is situated about six miles from Tyre, among the hills dotted with many villages cosily bowered amid pomegranate trees. There stands the massive sarcophagus, lifted high on a solid pedestal of limstone with arched well and cistern near it. The base is formed of three tiers of stone, two of which are each thirteen feet long by ten feet wide. The third course projects a little all around, and is fifteen feet long, eleven feet wide and three feet thick. The sarcophagus is twelve feet eleven inches long, seven feet eight inches wide and three feet six inches high. The lid is three feet six inches high, with other dimensions same as sarcophagus. These measurements were taken by Brother Robert Morris in 1868. We are indebted to his notes for them as well as for the cut. The view is taken from the west, the east end has been broken by vandals, and otherwise injured. This monument stands to represent the most lasting work of man, and carries us back to the year 1012 B. C., when Solomon of Israel and Hiram of Tyre founded, in the building of the Temple, a principle of brotherly love and unity among mankind that was cemented by the death of the "widow's son." The Temple was completed, and for years was the glory of the world. As a sample of operative Masonry it is, to-day, only a memory, kept alive by the history centering upon it.—*Monum, News.*

The Masonic lodges in Havana have been revived, and as a mark of appreciation they have had the portrait of President McKinley painted on a beautiful silk Masonic emblematic banner by Senorita Amauda Menacol, daughter of Gen. Menacol, and sent it to Washington.—*Masonic Herald.*

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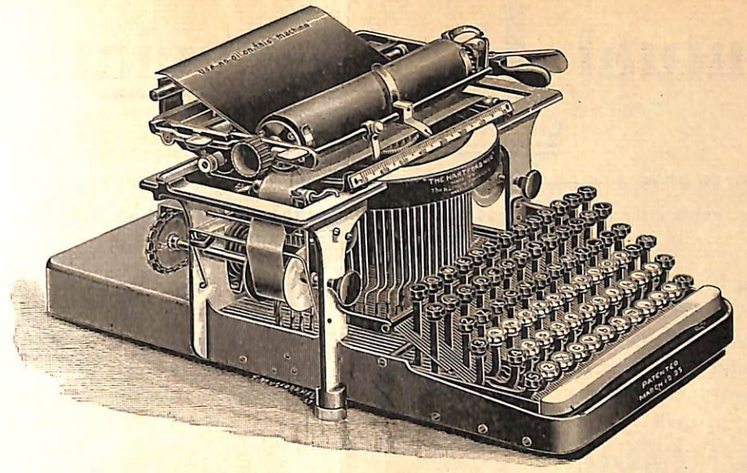

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